

100 Block Clinton Street  
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Johnstown  
Cambria County  
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Location: 100 block Clinton Street, at the corner of Washington Street, Johnstown, Cambria County, Pa.

History and Description: The four buildings on the right of this photograph were part of the 1890s rebuilding boom in the downtown and are excellent examples of late Victorian commercial architecture. The Gautier Division of Cambria/Bethlehem Steel was opened across Washington Street from the block in the 1880s and this proximity has made the corner a prime location for workingmen's saloons. The four-story Clinton Hotel on the corner with its elaborate cornice and the three-story, Mansard-roofed building next door have always housed bars on their ground floors. No. 106 Clinton St. was built by Samuel Lenhart, a merchant and sheriff in 1890 as a location for his saddlery shop. The fourth building, 108 Clinton St., was built in 1895 by Louis Wehn for his shoe store. The builders included reliefs of shoes and a boot above the central, third-floor window as well as bas reliefs depicting the flood in the panels between the second and third floors. In addition to the interest these buildings hold for their architectural details and commercial uses, they are important for their long history as a residential space for laborers, clerks, seamstresses, pensioners, and other members of Johnstown's working class and lower classes.

Project Information and Sources: This report was part of a larger project to document the city of Johnstown, Pennsylvania. The project was undertaken by the Historic American Buildings Survey/Historic American Engineering Record (HABS/HAER), Robert Kapsch, chief, at the request of America's Industrial Heritage Project (AIHP). An overview of history of the city (HABS No. PA-5669) and the downtown (HABS No. PA-5670) provide context for these buildings as well as a comprehensive list of sources. See also additional HABS reports on buildings in the downtown and other neighborhoods.

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